



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7226

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
INCENTIVES FOR EDUCATORS TO LIVE IN CERTAIN
MUNICIPALITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Policy and
2 Management, in cooperation with the Departments of Housing and
3 Education, shall establish an educator housing pilot program to
4 provide housing incentives for any educator who works in an alliance
5 district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes, to live
6 within the city limits of the alliance district in which the educator
7 works.

8 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in
9 consultation with the Departments of Housing and Education, shall
10 issue a request for proposals by December 1, 2019, for any
11 municipality in the state designated as an alliance district pursuant to
12 section 10-262u of the general statutes, to apply for consideration for
13 participation in the educator housing pilot program.

14 (c) A municipality designated as an alliance district pursuant to
15 section 10-262u of the general statutes, in collaboration with such
16 alliance district's local or regional board of education, shall submit
17 plans to the Office of Policy and Management not later than June 1,
18 2020. Such plans may include, but not be limited to, the following:

19 (1) Partnering with interested developers to turn abandoned

20 structures into safe, affordable housing for educators;

21 (2) Working with developers to turn properties already owned by
22 the district into affordable housing units for educators;

23 (3) Partnering with the state to take advantage of existing tax credits
24 or rental assistance programs for such purposes; or

25 (4) Partnering with the state on another plan that the Secretary of
26 the Office of Policy and Management determines to be financially
27 feasible.

28 (d) Not later than September 1, 2020, the Office of Policy and
29 Management shall approve no more than two municipalities for
30 participation in the pilot program. All educators, including, but not
31 limited to, administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals, who work
32 within the selected municipalities shall be eligible to apply for any
33 housing services and incentives that are provided under the educator
34 housing pilot program.

35 (e) The Office of Policy and Management shall require
36 municipalities that are selected for participation in the educator
37 housing pilot program to provide updates on their progress in the
38 pilot program. The Office of Policy and Management shall submit a
39 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
40 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
41 having cognizance of matters related to housing not later than January
42 1, 2021, concerning the status of the pilot program. Such report shall
43 include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the results of the pilot
44 program and any findings and recommendations with regard to future
45 implementation of similar programs in other municipalities.

46 (f) The Office of Policy and Management shall fund the pilot
47 program within available resources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Throughout Section 1, references to "teacher" were changed to "educator" for consistency.

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